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- 1. REFTEL DESCUSSED WITH ABBOTT, EC COMMISSION, WHO IS IN GENEVA FOR CTD, AND COLLIANDER, SWEDEN, WHO COORDINATES FOR EFTA COUNTRIES.
- 2. ABBOTT SAID VIEWS AMONG MEMBER STATES VARY AS TO WHETHER EC SHOULD COMMENT IN WRITING ON U.S. PAPER. SOME APPARENTLY THINK TO DO SO WOULD GO TOO FAR TOWARD CONCEDING RELEVANCE OF COMPARISON AND WOULD PREFER TO COMMENT ORALLY ONLY. QUESTION WILL HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED FURTHER IN BRUSSELS. ON TIMING, HE THOUGHT LATE JULY PROBABLY BETTER THAN EARLY JULY AS ORIGINALLY CONTEMPLATED. WE URGED COMMENT IN ADVANCE IN WRITING TO PERMIT WASHINGTON REVIEW; SUGGESTED JULY 24-25 OR 25-26 IN VIW OF TNC JULY 17-19 AND BRUSSELS MEETINGS WHICH ABBOTT SAID WOULD INTERFERE JULY 22-23. ABBOTT SAID HE WILL TAKE UP MATTER IN BRUSSELS AND RESPOND SHORTLY THROUGH LUYTEN.
- 3. COLLIANDER SAID EFTA COUNTRIES ALSO DUBIOUS RE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMENTS IN WRITING; THEY TEND TO PREFER SECOND WEEK JULY. WE SAID WE THINK THAT MAY NOW BE TOO SOON,

ESPECIALLY SINCE WE REALLY HOPE TO HAVE WRITTEN COMMENT; SUGGESTED JULY 24-26 PERIOD AS DISCUSSED WITH ABBOTT. COLLIANDER SAID HE WILL DISCUSS WITH EFTA COUNTRIES AND EC AND LET US KNOW. ABRAMS

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